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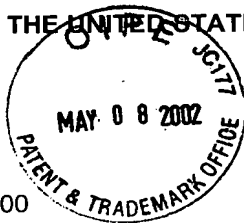
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Consideration and making of record in the application identified in caption of the accompanying form PTO-1449 are respectfully requested. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of the enclosed form(s) PTO-1449 be returned to the undersigned.

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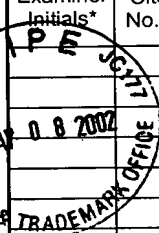
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